

BYFSA Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaches (head, assistant and all helpers) shall remain unconditionally supportive of the organization's mission to operate a quality, non-profit association that provides softball players at all levels with the skills and fundamentals they need to be successful in the sport. Through sportsmanship, respect, commitment, leadership and good work ethic, our goal is to grow softball players who learn lessons both on and off the field. The BYFA strives to have a fun, open and encouraging environment for players and families to engage in their love for softball. In order to adhere to this mission statement, the coach agrees as follows:

- Coaches will be positive role models.
- Coaches will display and instill in their players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
- Coaches will do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
- Coaches will ensure that winning and/or losing teams do so in a manner which exhibits respect and good sportsmanship.
- Coaches treat all players, parents, spectators, umpires, and board members with respect.
- Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- Coaches will not ridicule any player, parent, spectator, umpire, or board member.
- Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of any child.
- Coaches will teach the game of softball to the best of their ability.
- Coaches will not be any part of the use of profanity, obscene language or improper actions.
- Coaches will be drug and alcohol free while at any BYFSA athletic event.
- Coaches will not use any tobacco products in the dugout or on the playing field at any BYFSA athletic event.
- Coaches will be responsible for field maintenance before and after games/practices, field work days, and recruit help with team parents for these duties.
- Coaches will comply with the decisions of board members and observe all rules, policies, and procedures as established or endorsed by the BYFSA.
- Coaches will abide by all BYFSA Rules.
- Coaches acknowledge the need to demonstrate fundamental proficiencies with respect to the game of softball.
- Head Coaches will be required to have a background check completed by US Center for SafeSport and complete SafeSport training. *Cost for background check will be reimbursed by BYFSA.
- Assistant Coaches and Helpers will be required to complete SafeSport training.